

FW: Draft lines re: csis

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Sent: Sunday, February 13, 2022 5:09 PM
To: Mendicino, Marco - Personal <[irrelevant]@parl.gc.ca>
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Subject: Re: Draft lines re: csis
Updated lines:

- While the right to peaceful protest is a pillar of our democracy, there is never an excuse for the incitement, violence and hate that we've seen over the past weeks.
- This is an issue of national security, and I am in regular contact with the Director of CSIS and the Commissioner of the RCMP to ensure that threats of foreign interference or ideologically motivated violent extremism are being monitored, investigated and addressed.
- In particular, I have asked CSIS to pay special attention to foreign sources of funding, to continue to collaborate with domestic and international partners and focus on funding supporting violent activity.
- The RCMP have an important role to play as well, and are working closely with their law enforcement partners to ensure public safety.
- We have strong laws in place to address foreign interference and ideologically motivated violent extremism. We won't hesitate to use them.

On Feb 13, 2022, at 2:46 PM, Mendicino, Marco - Personal
<[irrelevant]@parl.gc.ca> wrote:

See below
Don't call them protests
They are illegal blockades
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From: Jones, Mike <Mike.Jones@ps-sp.gc.ca>
Sent: Sunday, February 13, 2022 2:39 PM
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Minister,

Alex is going to take a pass at these, but flagging for your awareness:

While the right to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly is an important part of our democracy, individuals are not justified in breaking the law or engaging in violence. We take this very seriously and I can assure you that I am in constant contact with both the RCMP and CSIS on all matters within their mandates related to unlawful blockades.

The Director of CSIS and the Commissioner of the RCMP have assured me that any possible threats of foreign interference or ideologically motivated violent extremists are being closely monitored and addressed.

Regarding foreign source of funding, I have asked that CSIS continue to work closely with its domestic and international s.38 [REDACTED] partners and pay particular attention to any foreign funding that is destined to support any violent activities.

The RCMP have an important role to play as well, and are working closely with their law enforcement partners to ensure public safety.

The current situation remains fluid and CSIS and the RCMP have assured me that they will keep me advised on an ongoing basis.

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